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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF AMB. SCHAUFLE: NOON PRESS BRIEF-
ING JULY 21, 1977.

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF PORTION OF THURSDAY, JULY 21
NOON PRESS BRIEFING RELATING TO NOMINATION OF AMBASSADOR
SCHAUFLE.

BEGIN TEXT.

Q. CAN YOU SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE SCHAUFLE MATTER? HAS
THE GREEK GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY ASKED THAT HE NOT BE AP-
POINTED OR INFORMED US THAT THEY WERE UNWILLING TO PRO-
VIDE "AGREEMENT"? ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

A. WE HAVE CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT
IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT WE REGARD AS AN UNFORTUNATE MISINTER-
PRETATION IN GREECE OF REMARKS AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE MADE
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DURING HIS CONFIRMATION HEARING LAST WEEK BEFORE THE SENATE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. I, HOWEVER, DO NOT WANT TO
COMMENT FURTHER ON THE DETAILS AT THIS TIME.

Q. YOU ARE STILL STICKING BY THE APPOINTMENT?

A. AS I SAY, JOHN, I AM NOT ABLE TO COMMENT FURTHER.

Q. CAN YOU RECALL WHAT HE SAID THAT UPSET THEM, MORE OR LESS?

A. JUAN, I DO HAVE A RUNDOWN OF WHAT HE SAID HERE WHICH I WOULD PREFER TO GIVE YOU RIGHT AFTER THE MEETING, IF THAT IS AGREEABLE TO YOU.

Q. JOHN, MAY I GO BACK TO THIS --

Q. EXCUSE ME, CAN I ASK A QUESTION ON THIS?

Q. YES.

Q. WHAT IS HIS STATUS NOW? I AM NOT CLEAR.

A. THE STATUS OF WHAT?

Q. HIS APPOINTMENT.

A. AS FAR AS I KNOW, HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED AS AMBASSADOR TO GREECE.

Q. AND? HAS HE BEEN CONFIRMED?

Q. YES.

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A. OKAY. WELL, AS FAR AS I KNOW, THAT IS THE STATUS, AS TO YOUR QUESTION.

Q. HAS HE RECEIVED "AGREEMENT " FROM THE GREEK GOVERNMENT?

A. LARS, AGAIN I AM --

Q. THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE AT THE TIME OF THE APPOINTMENT.

A. --AGAIN I AM SAYING THAT I AM NOT ABLE TO COMMENT BEYOND WHAT I HAVE SAID SO FAR.

Q. IS THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING WITHDRAWING THE NOMINATION?

A. SAME ANSWER, JOHN.

END TEXT. VANCE

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